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CHATEAU RINK NOTES.

The benefit of Englewood Lodge, No. 4230, G. U. O. of O. F., held at the Chateau Rink, last Saturday evening, was one of the grandest affairs of the season. The main feature was roller skating. After the Grand March Mr. B. F. Moseley delivered one of his famous speeches, which was well received. All reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Parks, Chicago's best known undertaker, was among the many guests at the Chateau last week.

The Borean Baptist Church headed by the Rev. W. S. Braddan and members, will give a benefit for the church at the Chateau De La Plaisance, 5324 State Street, Saturday night, January 29th. The afternoon has been reserved for the children from 2 till 5 o'clock. Prizes will be given to the young skaters showing grace on rollers. In the evening from 7:30 to 11:45, will be devoted to the older persons. Prizes also awarded to the best skater. We take great pleasure to welcome each and every person to visit the Chateau, Sat. the 29th afternoon or evening, for this is a good cause. Refreshments served by the members of the church. Best of decorum. Admission 1 dime 10c.

The First Regiment K. of P. Band is still drawing large crowds at the Chateau Rink.

The attendance last Sunday was the largest of the season. Come early next Sunday with your many friends and have the time of your life.

To witness the scene of the Grand March at the Chateau any Sunday evening is worth the price of admission. Come out next Sunday and be convinced.

A fine picture show will be tendered the patrons of the Chateau Rink to-night.

WAYMAN'S CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH, 912 NORTH FLANKLIN STREET.

Take through car to Locust street, go west to Franklin street.

The special revival services that has been held at this church will close Sunday, Jan. 30th, with an all day service. 11 A. M. Rev Robinson and daughter, will sing some special songs. Sermon by Evangelist Robinson. 3 o'clock a great platform service with special singing of Southern melodies and gospel songs by the chorus of 50 voices, led by Harry Haley. Some personal testimonies as to the power of prayer.

7:30 P. M. song service and sermon by the pastor on the subject, "The Greatest Blessing in the Life of Man." Text, Dan. 12:3.

All persons converted and reclaimed will be asked to take the front seats at this service.

It is said that the present revival is the greatest ever held on the North Side. The church is packed at all the services.

An all night service was held, every hour was marked by fervor and enthusiasm, fifty-five persons remaining until 5 A. M. last Friday morning. Monday night, Jan. 31st, Rev. Robinson will give the history of his life from cabin to pulpit. Wednesday night the Pastor Rev. Stewart will with the officers, hold an informal reception to all the new members and converts during the meeting.

Mr. Henry Slaughter has been appointed as reporter for the church.

THE ORTHODOX GOD.

The God of the ordinary church goes, and of the man who is supposed to teach him from the study and pulpit, is an antiquated theologian who made his universe so badly that it went wrong in spite of him, and has remained wrong ever since. Why he should ever have created it is not clear. The poor crippled child who has been maimed by a falling rock and the white faced match box maker who works eighteen hours out of the twenty-four to keep body and soul together have surely some sort of a claim upon God, apart from being miserable sinners who must account themselves fortunate to be forgiven for Christ's sake. Faith! It is all so unreal and so stupid. This kind of a God is no God at all. The theologian may call him infinite, but in practice he is finite. He may call him a God of love, but in practice he is spiteful and silly.—Rev. R. J. Campbell.

PATRONIZE SECOND-HAND STORK.

"Quadruplets" Inquiry at Los Angeles Shows Many Women Have Habit.

Los Angeles, Jan. 27.—As a result of the legal inquiry into the Wilson "quadruplets" it develops that the wives of Los Angeles have the habit of patronizing a second-hand stork. Mrs. C. E. Smith, proprietress of the maternity home, who supplied the "quadruplets" to Mrs. W. W. Wilson, gave the court the following startling piece of information:

"I have found homes for 300 babies, and this is the first time any husband of the supposed mother has learned the truth. It is a popular way of fooling the men when they want children and the mothers do not want the care and sickness of confinement."

CHIPS

Mrs. J. A. Palmer, 3427 Dearborn street, left Monday morning for New York City, on a long visit.

Mrs. J. E. Johnson, 3441 Wabash avenue, left last Friday evening, to spend two weeks with friends in Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. R. M. Leach, 4430 State street, returned home Monday morning from Memphis, Tennessee, where she had been visiting for the last two months.

Dr. D. E. Burrows, 3221 State street, is having his office very artistically decorated, his private or consultation room being painted white, which makes it very clean and attractive in appearance.

Col. A. D. Gash, Oxford Building, 84 La Salle street, one of our attorneys in the famous Pony Moore, case; left Monday evening for Washington, D. C., where he will argue an important patent case before the United States Supreme Court.

A. Tucker, 5501 Lake avenue, who has been employed at the Hyde Park Hotel for a long time, is a constant supporter of The Broad Ax, and among the good qualities which Mr. Tucker possesses is, that he is thoroughly honest.

Mrs. Ellen Slaughter of Topeka, Kan., was highly entertained at a luncheon given by Mrs. S. Beatrice Manuel last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Slaughter left for Kansas City, last Thursday to spend two weeks with her daughters, Mrs. Carey Fox and thence to her home in Topeka.

Miss Celia Cohen, sister of Miss Bessie Cohen, is also one of the salesladies in the new F. and P. Department store, corner 31st and State streets, and like her sister, she is very bright and knows how to make and hold friends among the numerous patrons of the store.

Miss Bessie Ester, sister of Mrs. Hattie Arrant, 249 E. 31st street, the popular milliner, will arrive in Chicago next Tuesday morning to take a course in a business college. Miss Ester is an accomplished school teacher from Perry, Oklahoma, the home of her parents.

James A. Warren, 3421 Dearborn street, who has been in the service of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad for 25 years, and he has some good real estate to show for his hard work, has been on the sick list for two weeks and within a short time he will be able to resume his labors.

The Aldermanic contest in the second ward, between Alderman Thomas J. Dixon, and John H. Montgomery, the well known and popular druggist, 26th and State streets, promises to be quite lively and Alderman Dixon has already begun to construct high fences around the ward in order to make it hard for any other candidate to jump over them.

NOTICE OF K. P.

A beautiful silk flag is given free with orders for K. and P. and Calanthean badges. Write for particulars to The S. W. Starks Co., Charleston, W. Va.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR CHOIR WORK.

WANTED—Volunteers for choir! Young ladies and gentlemen over 16 years of age—good opportunity for chorus training. Apply Quin Chapel (34th St. entrance) Saturday from 7 to 8 o'clock p. m. Mrs. M. B. Anderson, musical director.

Rhea's 1908 and '10 citizens directory now ready; a directory of the Colored citizens of Chicago; Price \$1.50. Sold by Faulkner, 3105 State St., and H. W. Rhea, 6430 Vincennes Ave.

John J. Hayes, former member of the Board of Education and member of the firm of J. J. Ryan and Company, manufacturers of brass furnishings, 100 South Jefferson street, takes pleasure in stating that "The Fourteenth Anniversary edition of The Broad Ax reached the top notch in journalism and that it was a great credit to its editor and to the Afro-American race."

The Home Whist Club met at the residence of Mrs. Chas. Washington, 3732 Calumet Ave., last Thursday evening. The members and invited guests present were: Madames Edward J. Morris, D. R. Lawrence, J. N. Aven-dorph, Robt. A. J. Shaw, L. Thompson, M. Lewis, Lotta Jefferson, Mamie Smith, Etta Shoecraft, Marion Bell, Charlotte Williams, Tennie Smiley-Brown, Albrete Moore-Smith, Ada Shreeves, Gertrude Ellington, Essie Arnold, Blanche Cornwell, Mamie Seldon, Carrie Shanklin and Blanche Shaw.

A large Baltimore, Md., Afro-American mass meeting which ex-Attorney General Bonaparte of that city and others addressed last week, Monday night, refused to pass a resolution of thanks to President Taft for what he said in his recent message to congress about the Maj. R. R. Wright-Dr. Booker T. Washington Negro exposition for 1913. Good! Thus died the first move to encourage our people to look with favor upon the worst president, Republican or Democrat, as far as our race is concerned, since the war of the rebellion.—The Gazette, Cleveland, Ohio.

Wednesday evening, Mrs. J. C. Stewart, 5434 Normal avenue, to the delight of the members and friends of Olivet Baptist Church, arranged all of the details for the celebration of the 7th anniversary of the pastorate of that church by Rev. E. J. Fisher. The reception and dining rooms were beautifully decorated with choice cut flowers and the church was crowded with his many friends and members. It was one of the finest affairs of its kind ever held there. Rev. Fisher and others, who attended it were loud in their praise of Mrs. Stewart, for the able manner in which she conducted it.

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Date

Notes—Rehearsals every Sunday from 3 to 5 o'clock at Institutional Church, 3825 Dearborn St.

PAINSTAKING PHYSICIAN.

Dr. McClelland's Busy Life—Would Make an Ideal Public Official.

New Rochelle, N. Y., is fortunate in having as a physician to minister to the wants of its Negro population a young and experienced medical practitioner in the person of Dr. C. P. McClelland, a native of Arkansas, who is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Dr. McClelland's clientele embraces nearly all the leading colored families in New Rochelle and the outlying towns. He is universally admitted to be a painstaking physician, and his cheerful disposition and optimism are making him many friends all over the county of Westchester. He is popular with all classes, is an active mem-



C. P. McCLELLAND, M. D.

ber of the various fraternal and beneficial organizations of New Rochelle, member of the executive committee of the Negro Republican league and a good fellow generally. Rumor connects his name with a local appointment under the new city administration. He was a good hustler in the local campaign, and he possesses the mental and moral qualifications to fit him for any position within the gift of the municipal government. It would be a tactful stroke for the appointing powers to recognize some of these able and influential young Negroes. If they want to hold the Negro vote in future campaigns they will have to recognize their leaders, and now is a good time to begin.

PERNICIOUS PRINCIPLES.

Past Errors Should Not Overtop Moral Victory of Union Army.

Why is it that the people of the south refuse to abandon the pernicious principles that almost wrecked the American Union in 1861? And why is it that a great many people in the north encourage them to perpetuate those principles? It is idle and foolish to say that the men who fought to maintain slavery and wreck a nation believed that they were right. They knew that they were wrong, and any statement to the contrary is an insult to their intelligence.

All over the south and in some places in the north there are organizations in existence that have no other motive than extolling the treason of 1861. Worst of all, many public speakers of prominence have so far forgotten themselves as to laud the disloyalty of such characters as Jeff Davis. The blue and the gray are referred to in equal terms of praise when as a matter of fact they should never be mentioned in the same breath. Is there any equality between George Washington and Benedict Arnold?

There is no doubt that any praise of the latter would bring forth a volley of criticism, and it is certain that he will never be set up as an example for the guidance of American youth. The tendency to encourage the perpetuation of principles that are known to be wrong is only delaying the consummation of real democracy in America.

However desirable it may be to win the good will of the south, this should not be accomplished by praising the southern people for their past errors. If a maudlin sentiment for disloyalty is to be allowed to discount the great moral victory of the Union army we may well stop and wonder why so much blood was spilled in vain.—Yonkers (N. Y.) Standard.

No Foreign Racial Alliances Wanted.

"Bruce Grit" thinks that it would be a wise thing for Afro-Americans to fuse politically with some of the foreign elements in the United States. He mentions the Irish and Italians and says that the experiment is worth making. We do not believe so. The foreign element in this country has just as strong prejudice against our people as the native born white man who is not willing to concede that the Negro as a citizen has rights which white men should respect. We want no foreign racial alliances in this respect.

Young Men Should Heed This Advice.

Editor Sol C. Johnson of the Savannah (Ga.) Tribune hews close to the line. He wisely asks: "Why rent a home in a crowded neighborhood when with a small payment down and the same amount possibly that you are paying in rent could be bought a home of your own in a less crowded neighborhood? Let our young men consider this and act for their good and the good of their children."

Mrs. Coshburn's Rare Privilege.

Former Whitehall (N. Y.) Girl Who Married Walter M. Coshburn Occupies Influential Place in the Business Life of Worcester—Services Sought by Leading Merchants.

By N. BARNETT DODSON.

One of the most popular and successful business women in Worcester, Mass., of either race is Mrs. Suella Coshburn, who is in charge of the hair-dressing parlors of the dry goods firm of the Barnard, Sumner & Putnam company, which is one of the oldest and best known establishments in the city. Mrs. Coshburn's hairdressing parlors are on the fourth floor and occupy the entire front. There are several departments—shampoo, facial massage, chiropodist, manicure and workrooms; also a barber shop and a doll factory. There are numerous articles in the line of hair and manicure goods and doll supplies in stock for sale. Mrs. Coshburn is assisted in her work by a very efficient corps of skilled workers. Ever since the death of her husband, the late Walter M. Coshburn, Mrs. Coshburn has had entire charge of the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Coshburn went to Worcester about nineteen years ago from Whitehall, N. Y. Previous to her marriage Mrs. Coshburn, who was Miss Suella Schuyler, conducted a hairdressing parlor in Yonkers, N. Y. Upon going to Worcester they opened a first class hairdressing establishment and barber shop on Main street, where, through their business tact, congenial manner and first class workmanship, they established a growing trade among the better class of whites. In order to meet the demands of the trade they employed several helpers, and in nine years they were compelled to move into larger quarters, where they could better accommodate their customers. Mr. Coshburn also conducted a doll hospital for repairing broken dolls. He was known throughout New England as the doll hospital doctor and expert wigmaker.

In 1903 the Barnard, Sumner & Putnam company thought it would add



MRS. SUELLA COSHBURN.

to its trade to have Mr. Coshburn's business located in its store, so it consulted Mr. and Mrs. Coshburn, who, after careful consideration, decided to take charge of the hairdressing parlors, where Mrs. Coshburn is now doing business. Mr. Coshburn had been in the store about three years or more when his death occurred. His funeral was one of the largest colored funerals ever held in that city, as he was a man that commanded the respect and love of every one that came in contact with him.

Mrs. Coshburn has the reputation of being a thorough business woman. Besides her regular work, she is the president of the Lucy Stone club, an organization which has done considerable missionary work, and is at present looking forward to founding a working girls' home. She is also the secretary of the Afro-American Business association.

Mrs. Coshburn resides with her mother, Dr. Mary Schuyler, at 3 Cottage street, where she has purchased a very pretty home. Mrs. Schuyler is also well known on account of the great work she has done among the poorer people of her race. For a great many years she has conducted a mission Sunday school on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the vestry of one of the white churches.

Will Soon Wipe Out Church Debt.

The members of the Concord Baptist Church of Christ in Brooklyn, of which the late Dr. William T. Dixon was the successful pastor for more than forty-five years, will soon complete payment on their church property, which is valued at about \$50,000. After burning the mortgage the church will call a pastor.

President Taft Is Not a Statesman?

The consensus of enlightened opinion in this country, says the Dallas (Tex.) Express, is that President Taft is not a statesman. Well, the country need not suffer on that account, for there are numbers of men in Washington and elsewhere in the country who thoroughly understand the game of government.

AT JOHN BROWN'S GRAVE.

Memory of Freedom's Mighty Warrior Immortalized in Song and Story.

By ROBERTUS LOVE.

He only of the millions whole to one desire,
Dared face the grim necessity and brave the blood and fire.
He looked upon the future and saw in light outspread
To his enchanted vision a narrow path that led
Up jagged steps of progress to still and snow pure heights,
Whence world enlightening liberty flashed down her thousand lights.
His hand dealt destruction, but his soul yearned to save,
And this is why I pause today
At John Brown's grave.

When coward alliance sat enthroned on civic power's lip,
Whilst coward strength forged fetters and cracked the tyrant's whip,
When justice was a bigot's jest and liberty a lie—
And strong men in high places sat calm and heedless by,
Then up rose one among them, the lowliest of them all,
Who struck one blow for brotherhood, well knowing he must fall.
Though worthy of a soldier's death, he perished as a knave,
And this is why I thrill today
At John Brown's grave.

There have been men triumphant and powerful in life
Whose days were passed in peaceful ways and ended not in strife,
There have been mighty warriors in early times and late
Whose deeds were bright with glory and whose deaths convulsed the state,
There have been blessed martyrs whose memory is dear,
But who of all the number died like him beneath me here?
I liken him to one alone, the first who died to save,
And this is why I kneel today
At John Brown's grave.



JOHN BROWN'S FORT.

One man for human justice, and forward at the sign
The tens of thousands, file by file, came wheeling into line!
He was the first to perish, but ere his bones were dust
The blossoms blushing from his tomb proclaimed his calling just.
You jeered at him, O brothers, with the brand upon his brow,
But ye may not think upon him save in silent reverence now.
For ye know his name is Hero where Columbia's colors wave,
And this is why I thrill today
At John Brown's grave.

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MR. GORDON'S MANLY PLEA.

Stand Up, Show Your Willingness to Help Your Own, He Says.

In an address at the Bridge Street A. M. E. church, Brooklyn, upon the occasion of the annual visit of the officials and a group of children from the Brooklyn Howard Colored Orphan asylum in the latter part of December the Rev. James H. Gordon, superintendent of the asylum, said:

"There are some of our churches so narrow that they won't let us in because their denomination does not run the institution. We have had a great struggle this year. Out of the 1,400 children who have passed through the institution in the past twelve years only six have died. Some of these people who come up to the asylum in their automobiles find all sorts of fault, and I believe it is just because it is a Negro institution. Stand on your feet, make sacrifices and let these white people see that you appreciate your own and are willing to help them. These children have raised \$5,500 worth of stuff on the farm this year. We have 6 horses, 40 hogs, 175 fowls and 22 head of cattle. We have raised 2,250 bushels of potatoes, 9,000 cabbages, 1,200 bushels of turnips and beets. You can see that these children are well fed. They get more than bread.

"What we want to do is to build a mighty industrial school at St. James, N. Y., where we can shelter 2,000 waifs from the streets and give them various trades and means of living."

A collection of \$8,63 was taken up for the institution.

ENCOURAGE HONEST LABOR.

Make Room For Our Industrious Young Men and Women.

In its Christmas number the Dallas (Tex.) Express calls attention to the following facts—viz: We need the organization of industries which offer employment to our enlightened youth to the end that we shall not become altogether a race of "beavers of wood and drawers of water." Honest labor, however humble, should at all times and under all circumstances be encouraged, but the Negro must learn that his calling or occupation to make his election sure must take on certain elements of importance which, while affecting the general weal, must appeal to and interest the intelligence of the land. The time is ripe. The noon of this day is here. Let us rise and shine.

Sons of Virginia Install Officers.

The annual installation of officers of the Society of the Sons of Virginia, recently held in Brooklyn, was largely attended by the members and friends of the organization. The report of the treasurer, Graham H. Carter, showed that the society was in splendid condition both in numbers and finance, the cash balance in bank being \$2,060.75. The annual address was delivered by ex-President N. B. Dodson, whose subject was "A Short Review of the Year." The officers were installed by the Rev. W. R. Lawton.